

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a concentrate in liquid or liquid-disperse form, comprising

I) from 5 to 80% by weight of a polymer obtainable by free-radically polymerizing acryloyldimethyltaurine, ~~and/or acryloyldimethyltaurates~~ or mixtures thereof [component A)] in the presence of one or more substances selected from one or more of the components D) to G), ~~and optionally additionally in the presence of one or more further substances, component~~

D) consisting of at least monofunctional silicon-containing substances capable of free-radical polymerization,

E) consisting of at least monofunctional fluorine-containing substances capable of free-radical polymerization,

F) consisting of olefinically mono- or polyunsaturated, optionally crosslinking macromonomers which each have at least one oxygen, nitrogen, sulfur or phosphorus atom and a number-average molecular weight greater than or equal to 200 g/mol, the macromonomers not being silicon-containing substances as per component D) or fluorine-containing substances as per component E), and

G) consisting of polymeric additives having number-average molecular weights of from 200 g/mol to  $10^9$  g/mol,

II) from 20 to 95% by weight of an organic solvent or solvent mixture,

III) from 0 to 60% by weight of an emulsifier, and

IV) from 0 to 30% by weight of water,

~~which comprises~~comprising the steps of

a) ~~effecting the polymerization of~~polymerizing acryloyldimethyltaurine, ~~and/or~~  
acryloyldimethyltaurates or mixtures thereof in the presence of at least one  
substance or a plurality of substances selected from one or more of the components  
D) to G) ~~and optionally additionally in the presence of one or more further~~  
substances by a free-radical polymerization reaction in a polymerization medium  
which behaves very substantially inertly with respect to free-radical polymerization  
reactions and permits the formation of high molecular weights,

b) adding a higher-boiling solvent or solvent mixture, ~~and also optionally~~  
~~emulsifier and/or water~~ to the mixture of polymer and polymerization medium  
obtained from step a), the boiling point of the higher-boiling solvent or solvent  
mixture added being at least 10°C higher than that of the polymerization medium  
used for the polymerization, and

c) removing the lower-boiling polymerization medium, ~~optionally at a pressure~~  
~~which is reduced compared to atmospheric pressure.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the one or  
more further substances are selected from the group consisting of further at least  
monofunctional comonomers capable of free-radical polymerization ~~or~~ and polymeric  
additives.

3. (Currently Amended) The process as claimed in claim 2, wherein the further  
substances are comonomers capable of free-radical polymerization and are selected  
from the group consisting of:

a) ~~further~~olefinically unsaturated, noncationic, optionally crosslinking comonomers which have at least one oxygen, nitrogen, sulfur or phosphorus atom and have a molecular weight of less than 500 g/mol, and

b) ~~further~~olefinically unsaturated, cationic comonomers which have at least one oxygen, nitrogen, sulfur or phosphorus atom and a molecular weight of less than 500 g/mol.

4. (Currently Amended) The process as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 3~~claim 1, wherein the polymer present in the concentrate contains from 20 to 99.5% by weight, based on the total mass of the polymer, of acryloyldimethyltaurine, acryloyldimethyltaurates or mixtures thereof and/or its salt.

5. (Currently Amended) The process as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 4~~claim 1, wherein the concentrate contains from 20 to 60% by weight of polymer, based on the total mass of the concentrate, ~~of polymer.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The process as claimed in claim 5, wherein the concentrate contains from 30 to 40% by weight of polymer, based on the total mass of the concentrate, ~~of polymer.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The process for preparing a concentrate as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 6~~claim 1, wherein the concentrate contains from 30 to 80% by weight, based on the total mass of the concentrate, of ~~emulsifier and/or solvent or solvent mixture, or solvent or solvent mixture and emulsifier.~~

8. (Currently Amended) The process as claimed in claim 7, wherein the concentrate contains from 40 to 60% by weight, based on the total mass of the concentrate, of ~~emulsifier and/or solvent or solvent mixture, or solvent or solvent mixture and emulsifier.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The process as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 8~~claim 1, wherein the concentrate contains from 0 to 10% by weight of water, based on the total mass of the concentrate, ~~of water~~.
10. (Currently Amended) The process as claimed in claim 9, wherein the concentrate contains from 0 to 5% by weight of water, based on the total mass of the concentrate, ~~of water~~.
11. (Currently Amended) A concentrate ~~obtainable by a~~made in accordance with the process as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 10claim 1.
12. (Original) A cosmetic, pharmaceutical or dermatological preparation comprising a concentrate as claimed in claim 11.
13. (Currently Amended) The preparation as claimed in claim 12, ~~which~~wherein the preparation is in the form of an oil-in-water emulsion.
14. (New) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polymerizing step further comprises polymerizing in the presence of one or more more further substances.
15. (New) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein said adding step further comprises adding an emulsifier, water or both to the mixture of polymer and polymerization medium.
16. (New) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the removing step further comprises removing the polymerization medium at a pressure lower than atmospheric temperature.